GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WITHDRAWAL OF SUBSIDY GIVEN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to withdraw subsidy being given for higher education;

(b) if so, the amount of average annual subsidy given for this purpose during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for the withdrawal of subsidy;

(d) whether the Government had committed to allocate 10% of the GDP for education: and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c): Government does not consider the amount spent on Higher Education as a subsidy. It is an investment in human resource development and there is no proposal to reduce it.

(d) and (e): As per the National Policy of Education (NPE) 1986,as amended in 1992, it is the endeavour of Government to increase the government outlay on education to reach the level of 6% of GDP.